

# EXHIBIT B

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

DROPBOX, INC., a Delaware ) Case No.  
corporation ) 3:15-CV-01741-EMC  
Plaintiff, )  
VS. )  
THRU INC., a Delaware )  
corporation, )  
Defendant. )  
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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF  
THOMAS SKYBAKMOEN  
DECEMBER 22, 2015

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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF THOMAS  
SKYBAKMOEN, produced as a witness at the instance of the  
Plaintiff, and duly sworn, was taken in the above-styled  
and numbered cause on the 22nd day of December 2015,  
from 9:40 a.m. to 2:13 p.m., before Caroline Chapman,  
CSR in and for the State of Texas, reported by  
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Las Cimas IV, Fifth Floor, Austin, Texas, pursuant to  
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. SF-067069

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1 Q. Okay. And that was a decision that you made. 09:44

2 A. Yes. 09:44

3 Q. Okay. And are you familiar with the subpoena 09:44  
4 that's before you right now, Exhibit 1? 09:44

5 A. Yes. That was something that was provided to 09:44  
6 me from my attorney, I had the ability to get those 09:45  
7 documents. 09:45

8 Q. Okay. And you discussed that with your 09:45  
9 attorney, and you understand that is a court-ordered 09:45  
10 command that you provide testimony and documents 09:45  
11 today -- 09:45

12 A. Yes. 09:45

13 Q. -- in connection with this lawsuit. Okay. And 09:45  
14 you have brought documents with you today -- 09:45

15 A. Correct. 09:45

16 Q. -- in connection with the lawsuit. 09:45

17 Why don't I mark as Exhibit 2, the 09:45  
18 collection of documents that has been produced to us 09:45  
19 today by the witness, Mr. Skybakmoen. 09:45

20 MR. CONE: Thank you. 09:45

21 Q. (By Mr. Slafsky) And these were produced for 09:45  
22 the first time shortly before the beginning of this 09:45  
23 deposition. 09:45

24 (Deposition Exhibit No. 2 marked.) 09:45

25 Q. Mr. Skybakmoen, are the documents now marked as 09:46

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1 Exhibit 2 responsive to the subpoena that you were 09:46  
2 served with? 09:46

3 A. Yes. Having looked through the documents that 09:46  
4 I have at home that would pertain to the case, these 09:46  
5 were the ones I found. There are potentially some other 09:46  
6 documents, but I am not a lawyer, and they could fall 09:46  
7 under an NDA. They were marked as Thru documents but 09:46  
8 I -- uhm -- I haven't spent a significant time looking 09:46  
9 through them. 09:46

10 Q. Okay. So you haven't spent a significant time 09:46  
11 looking through these documents? 09:46

12 A. No. These I have looked through, yes. 09:46

13 Q. Okay. And we are going to go through these 09:46  
14 documents in more detail shortly. But with respect to 09:46  
15 documents that may be responsive to the subpoena -- 09:46

16 A. Uh-huh. 09:46

17 Q. -- that you have not produced to us today, do 09:46  
18 you intend to produce those in the future? 09:46

19 A. Uhm. Having discussed it with my lawyer, I 09:47  
20 believe that he gave you a response as to -- uhm -- 09:47  
21 where we would stand in terms of those documents as they 09:47  
22 might or might not fall under an NDA. It would not 09:47  
23 something that I am willing to, obviously, put forward 09:47  
24 here today. 09:47

25 Q. Okay. And can you describe to me generally 09:47

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1 what those documents are? 09:47

2 A. Uhm. They were documents around marketing, 09:47

3 presentations, some emails. Uhm. Yeah, everything 09:47

4 potentially that I worked on at Thru. 09:47

5 Q. Including projects related to the issues in 09:47

6 this lawsuit? 09:47

7 A. Potentially. If it was, let's say, website 09:47

8 related or a webinar that we might have worked on, there 09:47

9 could obviously be documents that were produced be it a 09:48

10 script, be it build up to what was published on the 09:48

11 website and so forth. 09:48

12 Q. Okay. And the basis, again, for you 09:48

13 withholding those documents is that you're concerned 09:48

14 that there is a confidentiality issue? 09:48

15 A. Correct. 09:48

16 Q. Okay. And again, you're aware that the 09:48

17 subpoena is equivalent to a court order directing you to 09:48

18 produce documents today. 09:48

19 A. Uh-huh. 09:48

20 Q. Okay. I am going to ask that you, or your 09:48

21 lawyer, provide us with a schedule or a log identifying 09:48

22 what these documents are, the nature of the documents, 09:48

23 the dates of the documents, who the creator of the 09:48

24 documents are? 09:48

25 A. Okay. 09:48

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1 Q. If there is a title to the document, and then 09:48  
2 we would be in a better position to understand whether 09:48  
3 there is a proper basis here for withholding the 09:48  
4 documents subject to a subpoena. 09:49

5 A. Okay. 09:49

6 Q. And you understand that this may mean that we 09:49  
7 may need to call you back again -- 09:49

8 A. Yes. 09:49

9 Q. -- to ask you questions about any documents 09:49  
10 that you produce at a subsequent date. 09:49

11 A. Yes. 09:49

12 Q. Okay. Did anyone ask you to withhold the 09:49  
13 documents that you're not producing today, subject to 09:49  
14 the subpoena? 09:49

15 A. No. 09:49

16 Q. That was a decision that you made on your own? 09:49

17 A. Yeah. 09:49

18 Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding, generally, 09:49  
19 what the procedures will be today? Did you talk to your 09:49  
20 lawyer about this? 09:49

21 A. Yeah. He gave me a high-level -- 09:49

22 MR. CONE: Objection. I don't think you 09:49  
23 should ask him what he talked to his lawyer about. I am 09:49  
24 not representing him. But it seems to me that he should 09:49  
25 know that you're not required to discuss the 09:49

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1 Q. Okay. And did you come up with any plan of 11:45  
2 action with respect to the Dropbox trademark? 11:45

3 A. No. What do you mean? 11:45

4 Q. Did you come up with any agenda for the company 11:45  
5 as to what it should do or how it should do things with 11:45  
6 respect to the Dropbox trademark? 11:45

7 A. I mean, we had discussions around, obviously, 11:45  
8 making sure that we marketed and we had, obviously, 11:45  
9 AdWords, and so on, relating to this as well as other 11:45  
10 features and functions within the company, such as 11:45  
11 Secure File Transfer, Managed File Transfer, Thru 11:45  
12 Dropbox, Secure Dropbox, these -- these things. 11:45

13 Q. Okay. And why was there a need to take all of 11:45  
14 these steps with respect to the Dropbox trademark? 11:46

15 A. Well, in general terms, you want to make sure 11:46  
16 that every product and feature you have -- uhm -- 11:46  
17 obviously, gets as much attraction as possible on Google 11:46  
18 to attract as many customers as possible to ensure 11:46  
19 higher sales. Uhm. So as part of the overall marketing 11:46  
20 assignment that I had was to attract as many users as 11:46  
21 well as prospects to Thru, and that was done through, as 11:46  
22 I said, email campaigns, through search engine 11:46  
23 optimization, through the AdWords, so it was a natural 11:46  
24 place to, obviously, use the Dropbox name, too. 11:46

25 Q. Okay. And for Thru at the time, in 2011, did 11:46



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1 the Dropbox trademark have attraction? 11:46

2 A. No, I wouldn't say so. 11:46

3 Q. And why is that? 11:46

4 A. As I said, it wasn't continuously applied 11:46

5 across all marketing material. It was mentioned in 11:47

6 numerous places, but it wasn't highlighted, I guess, in 11:47

7 the same way as when -- when I started in fully 11:47

8 marketing this as part of the overall marketing agenda. 11:47

9 Q. Okay. And for Thru at the time, in 2011, did 11:47

10 the Dropbox name have traction? 11:47

11 A. I wouldn't know. 11:47

12 Q. Okay. To the best of your knowledge and to the 11:47

13 best of your recollection at the time, was the Dropbox 11:47

14 name, as Thru was offering it, something that was 11:47

15 well-known in the marketplace? 11:47

16 A. No. 11:47

17 Q. Okay. And why is that? 11:47

18 A. Uhm. Limited marketing funds availability 11:47

19 and -- yeah. 11:47

20 Q. What do you mean by "limited marketing funds"? 11:47

21 A. Obviously, with limited funds, you're not going 11:48

22 to be able to do a lot of outbound marketing effectively 11:48

23 across all channels to reach the larger audience. 11:48

24 Q. Okay. Before you came to work at Thru, was 11:48

25 there a lot of outbound marketing featuring Thru's 11:48

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1	Dropbox name?	11:48
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2	A. Not to my knowledge.	11:48
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3 Q. Okay. You referred to not a lot of limited -- 11:48

4	excuse me -- you referred to limited marketing funds	11:48
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5 availability. So in other words, there wasn't a 11:48

6 sufficient budget, is that what you're saying? 11:48

7	A. That was my perception.	11:48
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8	Q. Okay.	11:48
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9           A.     I -- I don't know that for a fact.                         11:48

10 Q. Okay. And do you have any recollection what 11:48

11 the budget was, approximately, for this type of -- 11:48

12	A. No.	11:48
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13	Q. -- marketing?	11:48
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14	A. I was never given a budget.	11:48
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15	Q. Okay. Do you recall approximately how much	11:48
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16	money was being spent at the time on promoting names	11:49
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17	like Dropbox?	11:49
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18	A. You mean, when I was there or before?	11:49
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19	Q. Before and when you were there.	11:49
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20 A. Before, I don't know. When I was there, maybe 11:49

21 a few thousand a month -- 11:49

22	Q. Okay.	11:49
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23           A.    -- in terms of AdWords.  And then, obviously,           11:49

24 the rest was -- was us using our own tools and people to 11:49

25	create material, create awareness on websites, and so	11:49
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1 A. Of the same, yes. Yes. 12:23

2 Q. Okay. And when you came to work at Thru, and 12:23

3 after you reviewed these various pieces of marketing 12:23

4 collateral, after you reviewed the website, after you 12:23

5 reviewed the user guide, did you come to the 12:23

6 conclusion -- uhm -- that Thru had been promoting the 12:23

7 name Dropbox in a prominent attention-grabbing manner? 12:23

8 MR. CONE: Objection, leading. 12:23

9 A. Uhm. I honestly -- based on the website and so 12:23

10 on, obviously, it was marketed, but I wouldn't be able 12:23

11 to answer that type question. 12:23

12 Q. Okay. Other than the appearance of the name 12:23

13 "Dropbox" on the ThruInc.com website, how did Thru 12:23

14 market the term "Dropbox" at the time that you started 12:24

15 at the company? 12:24

16 A. It was definitely brought up as part of the 12:24

17 technical presentations and/or the sales team as part of 12:24

18 their, I guess, go-to-sales or go-to-marketing strategy. 12:24

19 Q. Okay. And when you say, it was part of their 12:24

20 go-to-market strategy, what do you mean specifically? 12:24

21 A. Well, probably poor choice of words. 12:24

22 Obviously, each sales team, regardless of the company, 12:24

23 would have a pitch that they would go forward with, it 12:24

24 could be targeted to a particular industry, a particular 12:24

25 client, and part of that pitch would obviously be to 12:24

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1 highlight the key capabilities that you have as a 12:24  
2 company to provide versus your competitors. Uhm. And 12:24  
3 that would then be -- be used as their repertoire in -- 12:25  
4 as far as I know, what I saw at least being used by 12:25  
5 several sales associates. 12:25

6 Q. Okay. And the Dropbox functionality was a 12:25  
7 capability then that the sales staff at Thru would have 12:25  
8 highlighted. 12:25

9 A. Depending on the customer, it could have been, 12:25  
10 yes. 12:25

11 Q. Okay. And -- uhm -- to the extent that the -- 12:25  
12 the functionality was mentioned by the sales staff, 12:25  
13 would it have been verbally, would it have been on a 12:25  
14 PowerPoint, would it be on a user guide, any other 12:25  
15 context? 12:25

16 A. I would assume, at least verbally, and in some 12:25  
17 cases by email. 12:25

18 Q. Okay. 12:25

19 A. And on occasions -- and, obviously, marketing 12:25  
20 material and/or presentations that might have been put 12:25  
21 together. 12:26

22 Q. Okay. 12:26

23 A. With all of the above. 12:26

24 Q. Okay. And I would like to mark as Dropbox 12:26  
25 Exhibit No. 9 another page or series of pages from the 12:26

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9 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION  
 10 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF THOMAS SKYBAKMOEN  
 11 DECEMBER 22, 2015

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11  
 12 I, CAROLINE CHAPMAN, Certified Shorthand  
 13 Reporter in and for the State of Texas, hereby certify  
 14 to the following:

15 That the witness, THOMAS SKYBAKMOEN was duly  
 16 sworn by the officer and that the transcript of the oral  
 17 deposition is a true record of the testimony given by  
 18 the witness;

19 That the deposition transcript was  
 20 submitted on December 28, 2015, to the witness or to the  
 21 attorney for the witness for examination, signature, and  
 22 return to me within 30 days;

23 That the amount of time used by each party  
 24 at the deposition is as follows:

25 Hon. John L. Slafsky - Three hours and

1 fifty-seven minutes.

2 That pursuant to information given to the  
3 deposition officer at the time said testimony was taken,  
4 the following includes all parties of record:

5 Hon. John L. Slafsky, Counsel for the Plaintiff

6 Hon. John M. Cone, Counsel for the Defendant.

7 I further certify that I am neither  
8 counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the  
9 parties or attorneys in the action in which this  
10 proceeding was taken, and further that I am not  
11 financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of  
12 the action.

13 Certified to by me on December 28, 2015.

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